

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Frank LOEKER *et al.*  
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Examiner: DOLLINGER, Michael M.  
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For: **POWDERY WATER-ABSORBING POLYMERS WITH FINE  
PARTICLES BOUND BY THERMOPLASTIC ADHESIVES**

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**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 22, 2009 OFFICE ACTION/  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following response to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated January 22, 2009.

**If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.